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1937 ALIAS A.L. BECKER, APPLICANT  
TO JOIN S.M.P. (SPECIALS)  
L. IMAS, J. POLDNITSKY, C. GUNTER  
KWACHADZE, V. A. CHILIKIN, MISS  
N.D. KIRILKO, H.J. NEMIRA ALIAS  
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File No. 19  
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S.1, Special Branch

**REPORT**

Date MAY 1, 1937.

Subject A. L. Pecker, applicant to join S.M.P. (Specials)

Made by D.S. Toheremshansky

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Alexander Leonidovich Pecker, alias Alexander  
Grigorievich Pecker, alias A.L. Becker, Russian of Jewish  
origin, was born on March 28, 1904 in Crimea. His late  
father was a minor military functionary who after his  
retirement owned a house in Harbin. Pecker received his  
education in Harbin Normal Schools. In 1922 he arrived in  
Shanghai and, it is said obtained employment as a sailor on  
board a German ship. He worked in this capacity on various  
ships until 1925 when he returned to Harbin. In Harbin he  
is reported to have been employed as a book-keeper and clerk  
with Leibovich Co., and later with Far Eastern Lumber Co.  
In 1928 Pecker re-appeared in Shanghai and soon afterwards  
joined as a luggage porter the Shanghai Express Delivery  
Service, 24 Chaoufoong Road owned by L. Imas a Russian Jew.  
He left this employment owing to some disaccord with the  
proprietor who was not satisfied with Pecker's work. Later  
for a period Pecker worked in a similar capacity with the  
American Transfer Company, No. 347 Broadway owned by Jack  
Polonetsky, Russian Jew. During this period Pecker was  
known under the name of Becker and used to reside at 23  
Kungping Road with Carl Gunther, German, known criminal,  
who was sentenced to ten months' imprisonment in April, 1928  
in connection with an illegal arms deal. Pecker is reported  
to have assisted this individual in small deals in arms  
(Vide File D.19 dated 31. 139).

Subsequently, Pecker was employed by the China  
Travel Service, 420 Szechuen Road as a porter. In 1934  
the local office of the Chinese Maritime Customs withdrew  
Pecker's pass to the jetty as a result of a complaint of a



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passenger that Pecker had overcharged him for transportation of his luggage. In May 1934, Pecker was transferred to the Tsingtao branch of the China Travel Service, but after a few months was discharged for unsatisfactory work.

It is reported that when in Tsingtao he was suspected of the theft of a diamond ring from a Russian woman in Kwachadze's boarding house. In this connection he was several times interrogated by the Tsingtao Police. Sometime later Pecker was arrested and detained for 29 days on suspicion of writing a threatening letter.

During the later part of 1934 Pecker returned to Shanghai from Tsingtao and worked temporarily at the Park Hotel building. Later for a period he was employed with the International Investigation Agency, 110 Szechuen Road. In 1936 he was for a few months employed with Dody Trading Company, 117 Avenue Edward VII, as a salesman on a commission basis. He also worked for a short time as an advertisement canvasser for the "Russian Daily News," 620 Avenue Foch, owned by V.A. Chilikin.

Pecker was married to one Miss N.D. Kirilko. They had two children. In February, 1936 he separated from his wife, who at present it is reported, cohabits with an Englishman, employed with Hall & Holtz Co. On April 11, 1937, Pecker had some arguments with the latter individual, which resulted in a fight between them at House 13, Passage 606, Avenue Joffre.

According to the S.M.P. Boarding House Section records Pecker resided at No.71 Wayside Road from November 1, 1934 to January 17, 1935 when he absconded failing to pay \$15 for his room. His last known residence was House 13 (24), Passage 606

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Avenue Joffre where he was known under the name of A.L. Becker and shared a room with one Henrich Julianovich Nemira, alias Nemiroff. Poligh, a known pickpocket with four convictions.

Since April 15, 1937 Pecker has been detained as a patient at the Russian Orthodox Confraternity's Hospital, 260 Rue Moresca being brought by the French Police as a heroin addict.

It must be pointed out that upon being approached confidentially, Mr. S. Volk, Russian Jew, dentist by occupation, Sp. Const. 124, who proposed Pecker, stated that he does not know Pecker who only occasionally visited him as a shroff.

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January 31, 1929.

Despite careful enquiries no trace of any person named Benker can be found. There is, however, an Alexander Becker, who may be the person referred to. He is described as a Russian Jew of about 30 years of age, who arrived in Shanghai some 6 years ago. Previous to coming to Shanghai he resided in Germany and Holland for a number of years and is able to speak German fluently.

Becker was formerly employed by Imas of No. 24 Chaofong Road as a baggage porter and is now working in a similar capacity for Jack Polenetsky of the Union Transfer Coy., No. 347 Broadway. He used to reside with Carl Gunther (who was sentenced to ten months' imprisonment in April 1928 in connection with an arms deal) at No. 23 Kungping Terrace and is reported to have assisted him in small deals in arms, but it is not believed he would engage in a deal where hundreds of pistols or rifles are concerned. Becker is the type of person, however, who would be apt to boast of having carried through such transactions.

Should any further information be learned regarding this person a report will be submitted.

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December 22, 1938

Foreign Section,

Information has been  
received that one  
Barker, whose address is  
unknown but who is  
supposed to be either a  
German or a Dane,  
has 600 Mauser pistols  
with one hundred rounds  
of ammunition for each for  
sale. He has also told  
friends that 100,000 rifles  
consigned to him will  
arrive soon. Barker  
has is also endeavoring  
to sell thirty five tents.  
For inquiry and report  
please.

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